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Although the information submitted herewith may be "material" to the Examiner's consideration of the subject application, this submission is not intended to constitute an admission that such information is "prior art" as to the claimed invention.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made.

The following Japanese reference is not in the English language:

1) JP 4-35324

Reference 1) includes an English language abstract and was cited in an Official Action from the UK Patent Office in a patent application corresponding to the above-identified patent application. A copy of this Official Action , which indicates

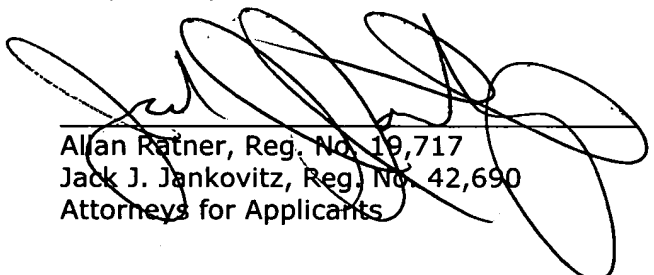
the degree of relevance found by the foreign office, is transmitted herewith. MPEP 609 IIIA(3), second paragraph.

Reference U.S. Patent No. 4,677,688 was previously submitted in a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 6, 2000.

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